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72. (New) A library consisting of a plurality of the reagents of claim 27.
73. (New) A library consisting of a plurality of the reagents of claim 28.
74. (New) A library consisting of a plurality of the reagents of claim 29.

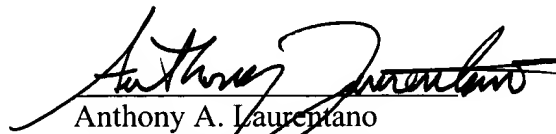
REMARKS

Preliminary to examination of this application, please amend claims 1, 3, 7-12, 14, 19-20, 22-23, 26-30, 35, 39, 42-43, 48-50, 56 and 58, and add new claims 59-74. New claims 59-74 are similar to claims 23, 30, 42 and 43, but with different claim dependencies. The claim amendments remove multiple dependencies, and address other minor matters of form.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments introduce no new matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is thus in order and requested. If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendments, we invite the Examiner to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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